Watershed programme in J&K

1508. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a survey of places and areas in Jammu & Kashmir where watershed programmes can be undertaken; and

(b) whether Government would sanction some projects of this nature in the year 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) For implementation of Watershed Development Programmes under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP), districts and blocks have already been identified in 1994 by a Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, ex-Member Planning Commission. Watershed projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) are generally undertaken in areas not covered under DDP and DPAP.

(b) During 2002-03, a total of 143 watershed projects each of about 500 ha. size have been sanctioned to J&K under DPAP and DDP. Under IWDP five districts namely Kupwara, Jammu, Srinagar, Udhampur, and Budgaon have been prioritized for sanction of IWDP watershed projects during 2002-03.

Watershed development schemes

1509. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the watershed development schemes and programmes;

(b) the nodal agency to materialize the watershed development programmes;

(c) the funds allocated to the watershed programmes;

(d) the names of the States like to be included under the project; and